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Murder #16

Case: 08-2190046

Date: Wednesday, Aug.6, 2008

Time: 12:22 a.m.

Location: 1100 block of North Meadows Dr.

Deceased: Ronnie Whited (D.O.B 01-25-71)

Narrative:

On Wednesday Aug. 6, 2008, North Central Area Command patrol officers were dispatched to a shooting in the 1100 block of North Meadows Dr. When officers arrived they found Ronnie Whited in the front yard and he had been shot. Austin-Travis County EMS responded to the scene and the victim was pronounced deceased.

According to witnesses a dispute had taken place at the residence. A description of the suspect and a vehicle were provided to patrol officers.

Within minutes of getting the information from witnesses, officers stopped a van matching the description of the suspect vehicle. Fred Ridings (D.O.B 3-18-74) was taken into custody and is currently in the Travis County Jail with bond set at \$100,000 for Aggravated Robbery, which occurred on Aug 4, 2008. The August 4 2008 event was not related to this shooting, but did involve the same suspect.

Austin Police Department Homicide Detectives are asking anyone who may have witnessed this incident or who may have information to call the Homicide tip line at 477-3588 or Crime Stoppers at 472-8477. Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1000 for information.



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This case remains under investigation by Homicide detectives. This is the 16th murder of 2008.

Media Advisory: A detective from the Homicide Unit will be available for interviews at 3 p.m. today at APD Headquarters. Please call APD PIO if you plan to attend.

